

## BRITISH ARMY STRATEGY BEHIND "BLOODY SUNDAY"

One of the most controversial incidents in the Northern Ireland conflict—in which members of the 1st Battalion, Parachute Regiment, shot dead 14 unarmed civilians during a civil rights march in Derry City on 30 January 1972—was not a military operation which went badly wrong but a pre-planned confrontation in which civilian casualties were an integral part of the British Army's counter-insurgency strategy.

This is the conclusion reached in a 10-page unpublished article compiled and written by former *Sunday Times* journalists Murray Sayle and Derek Humphrey. It is based on evidence including contemporaneous eyewitness accounts, taped interviews and indirect contact with the IRA.

Harold Evans, the editor of the *Sunday Times* from 1967 to 1981, spiked the story and submitted the account to Lord Widgery, whose official inquiry concluded that the soldiers had opened fire only on identified targets and that many of the victims had handled explosives or guns.

The journalists' report, which has been missing for 26 years, was found in the archive of the National Council for Civil Liberties (NCCL) and recently published in the Derry-based magazine, *Fingerpost*.



The article claims that the operation was planned by the O/C 1st Para, Lieutenant-Colonel Derek Wilford, based on Brigadier Frank Kitson's counter-insurgency strategy.

Kitson was a veteran of colonial campaigns in Kenya, Malaya, Oman and Cyprus. His theories included the political control of populations, psychological warfare, and the integrated use of special units and the intelligence services.

In 1970 Kitson commanded the 39th Brigade in Belfast, where he set up a pseudo-gang, the Mobile Reconnaissance Force (MRF). Based at Palace Barracks, east Belfast, and consisting of military intelli-

gence personnel and 'turned' official IRA members, the MRF cruised the streets of west Belfast in unmarked cars and was responsible for a number of drive-by shootings of civilians which were intended to provoke the IRA into a confrontation with the army.

According to Sayle and Humphrey, Kitson's strategy was "based on the military principle that the way to bring your enemy to battle is to attack something that, for prestige reasons, he will have to defend [and] he will then be annihilated by superior strength".

The article suggests that the civilian victims of "Bloody Sunday" were not shot "in the mistaken belief that they were armed members of the IRA", but were "accept-

able casualties" in an operation which failed disastrously because the IRA refused to be drawn into an armed confrontation with the Paras.

(Source: *Intelligence*, no. 81, 8 June 1998)

## CANCER FIGHTERS ACCUSED OF SUPPRESSING CURES

Dr Robert Atkins, whose name has become a household word since the publication of his revolutionary low-carbohydrate diet, has announced: "There is not one, but many cures for cancer available."

"But they are all being systematically suppressed by the American Cancer Society, the National Cancer Institute and the major oncology (cancer) centres. They have too much of a vested interest in the status quo."

Dr Atkins said that pure politics was keeping the government from testing various nutritional therapies for cancer.

"The government has failed to sponsor new work because their advisory boards are usually made up of experts with other portfolios as well," he explained. "Many are connected with major cancer institutions. These, in turn, have a major investment in radiation-delivering equipment. Plus, American orthodox medicine has grown up under the influence of the pharmaceutical industry and its advertising."

This is significant because the drug companies could not expect to make money from nutritional therapies as only natural, biological products were involved. (Source: [www.rarebooks.net/beck/suppress.htm](http://www.rarebooks.net/beck/suppress.htm))



## "PROJECT CENSORED" 1997

The 10 "most censored" stories last year:

### 1. Clinton Administration Aggressively Promotes US Arms Sales Worldwide

The United States is now the principal arms merchant for the world. US weapons are evident in almost every conflict worldwide and reap a devastating toll on civilians, US military personnel and the socio-economic priorities of many Third World nations.

### 2. Personal Care and Cosmetic Products may be Carcinogenic

Do you use toothpaste, shampoo, sunscreen, body lotion, body talc, make-up or hair dye? These are among the personal care products the consumer has been led to believe are safe, but are often contaminated with carcinogenic by-products or contain substances that regularly react to form potent carcinogens during storage and use.

Consumers regularly assume that these products are not harmful because they believe that they are approved for safety by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA). But although the the FDA classifies cosmetics, it does not regulate them. An FDA document posted on the agency's web home page explains that "a cosmetic manufacturer may use any ingredient or raw material and market the final product without government approval".

### 3. Big Business Seeks to Control and Influence US Universities

Academia is being auctioned off to the highest bidder. Increasingly, industry is creating endowed professorships, funding think-tanks and research centres, sponsoring grants and contracting for research. Under this arrangement, students, faculties and universities serve the interests of corporations instead of the public, in the process selling off academic freedom and intellectual independence.

### 4. The Echelon Global Surveillance System Exposed

The Echelon system, designed and coordinated by the US National Security Agency (NSA), is one of the world's biggest, most closely held intelligence projects. Unlike many of the Cold War electronic spy systems, Echelon is designed primarily to gather electronic transmissions from non-military targets: governments, organisations, businesses and individuals in virtually every country.

The system works by indiscriminately intercepting very large quantities of com-

munications and using computers to identify and extract messages of interest from the mass of unwanted ones.

Using the Echelon system, an agency in one country may automatically pick up information gathered elsewhere in the system. Thus, the stations of the junior UKUSA allies function for the NSA no differently than if they were overtly NSA-run bases located on their soil.

### 5. US Companies are World Leaders in Manufacture of Torture Devices

In its March 1997 report entitled "Recent Cases of the Use of Electroshock Weapons for Torture or Ill-Treatment", Amnesty International lists 100 companies worldwide that produce and sell instruments of torture. Forty-two of these firms are in the United States. This places the US as the leader in the manufacture of stun guns, stun belts, cattle probe-like devices and other equipment which can cause devastating pain in the hands of torturers.

### 6. Russian Plutonium Lost over Chile and Bolivia

On 16 November 1996, Russia's Mars '96 space probe broke up and burned while descending over Chile and Bolivia, scattering its remains across a 10,000-square-mile area. The probe carried about a half-pound of deadly plutonium divided into four battery canisters—and no one seems to know where they went!

This amount of plutonium has the potential to cause devastating damage. According to Dr Helen Caldicott, president emeritus of Physicians for Social

Responsibility: "Plutonium is so toxic that less than one-millionth of a gram is a carcinogenic dose." She states: "One pound, if uniformly distributed, could hypothetically induce lung cancer in every person on Earth."

### 7. Norplant: a Human Lab Experiment in the US and Third World

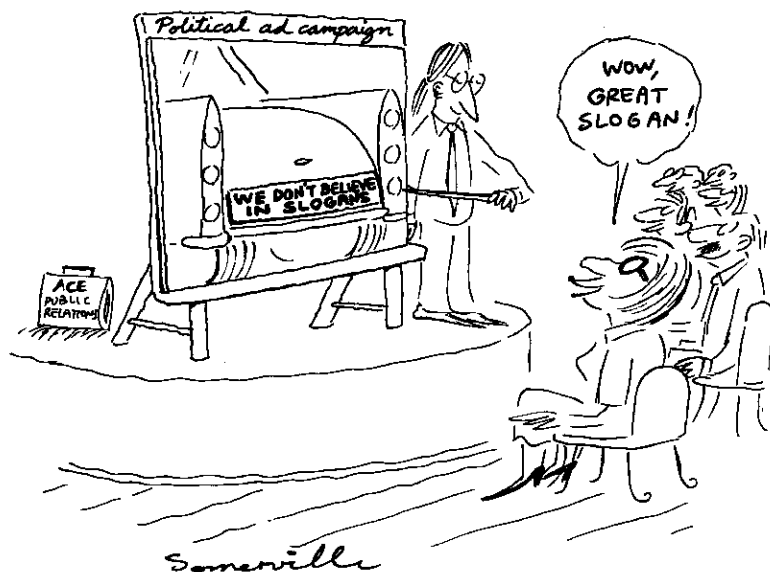
Low-income women in the United States and in the Third World have been the unwitting targets of a US policy to control birth rates.

A British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) documentary, *The Human Laboratory*, accuses the US Agency for International Development (USAID) of acting in conjunction with the Population Council of New York City to use uninformed women in Bangladesh, Haiti and the Philippines for tests of Norplant.

Norplant is a set of six plastic cylinders containing a synthetic version of a female hormone. It is intended to prevent pregnancy for five years. Surgery is required for removal, at a cost far beyond the reach of low-income women.

The Norplant saga appears to have global political implications. According to the documentary, the US Government considers global population control a "national security issue" and has increased US population-control efforts around the world.

Norplant side-effects have resulted in over 400 lawsuits being filed against Wyeth-Ayerst, the maker of Norplant. These lawsuits include class actions representing over 50,000 women.



## 8. National ID Card Framework Now Established in Federal Law

In September 1996 President Clinton signed the Illegal Immigration Reform and Responsibility Act of 1996. Buried at approximately page 650 was a section that creates a framework for establishing a national ID card for the American public. This legislation was slipped through without fanfare or publicity.

The author of the national ID law, Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), stated in a Capitol Hill magazine that it was her intention to see Congress immediately implement a national identity system whereby every American would be required to carry a card with a "magnetic strip on it, on which the bearer's unique voice, retina pattern or fingerprint is digitally encoded".

## 9. Barbie's Betrayal: The Broken Workers of the Toy Industry

Thanks to the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), US toy factories have cut a one-time American workforce of 56,000 in half, and sent many of those jobs to countries where workers lack basic rights.

## 10. Army's Plan to Burn Nerve Gas and Toxins Threatens Columbia River Basin

Despite evidence that incineration is the worst option for destroying the nation's obsolete chemical weapons stockpile at the Umatilla Army Depot, the Oregon Environmental Quality Commission (EQC) gave the green light to the US Army and Raytheon Corporation to spend US\$1.3 billion of taxpayer money to

construct five chemical weapons incinerators.

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## KEY PLAYERS CONTROL WORLD MONEY SUPPLY

BASEL, Switzerland — Ten times a year, the financial barons who control the world's supply of money gather here on the bank of the Rhine River for drinks and dinner—and secret conversations that shape the course of the global economy.

The 13 members of this economic cabal meet on the glass-walled 18th floor of the round headquarters tower of an obscure institution known as the Bank for International Settlements (BIS).

The members of this secretive group are the governors of the central banks of the Group of 10 industrial nations, plus Switzerland. The most powerful voice in the room is the US representative—Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan. As befits its power, the United States alone has a second seat at the table, occupied by William J. McDonough, president of the New York Federal Reserve Bank. The 13th participant is the BIS general manager Andrew Crockett, a former Bank of England official.

But what, exactly, is the strangely named organisation that hosts this secret conclave?

The BIS was established in 1930 to assist in the payments of reparations owed by

Germany and other losers in World War I to the victors. Over the years it has become a central bank for central banks. It has also emerged as a clearing-house for regulators, helping them supervise commercial banks, oversee foreign exchange markets and protect the world financial system.

Historically, the BIS has been essentially a European institution with US participation. In July 1994, however, the governors of the central banks of Canada and Japan were added to its board. More recently, nine additional nations outside Europe—Brazil, Mexico, Russia, China, Hong Kong, Korea, Singapore, India and Saudi Arabia—became members, bringing the total to 41.

As a bank, the BIS has deposits of about US\$112 billion, some of which is in gold. The funds are invested with commercial banks and in securities, but central bank depositors can withdraw them at any time. Smaller central banks use the BIS both as a convenient way to invest their reserves and to keep secret the way in which they are managing the money. Last year the BIS made roughly US\$500 million on its banking activities.

All but 16 per cent of the BIS shares are owned by its member central banks. The remaining shares are in private hands as a result of the United States' failure in 1930 to pay for its shares. Instead, these were acquired by a group of American banks which later sold them, mostly to individuals in Europe.

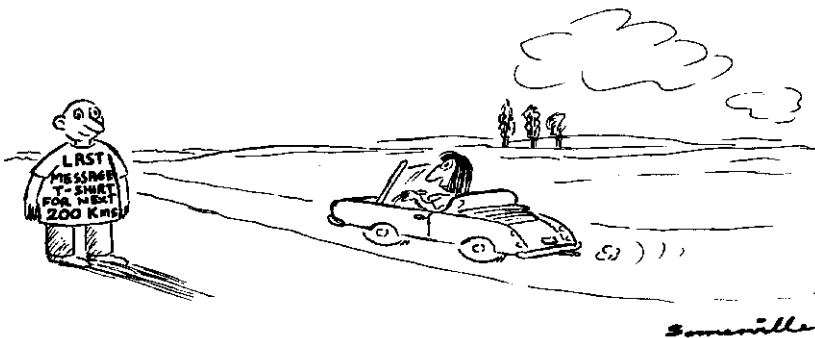
(Source: *The Washington Post*, June 28, 1998, p. H1)

## ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE NOW USED BY 40% OF AMERICANS

Two in five Americans surveyed have turned to some type of alternative medicine not offered by their regular doctors to treat their aches and pains, says a report published by the *Journal of the American Medical Association* (19 May 1998).

The survey of roughly 1,000 randomly selected people found that those who tried alternative therapies such as chiropractic or acupuncture did so not because they were fed up with conventional medicine but because they viewed health more holistically. The survey also found that better-educated people and those with a less-than-optimum health status were more likely to turn to alternative medicine.

(Source: *Reuters*, 20 May 1998)



## FDA THREATENS TO BURN COOKBOOKS AND LITERATURE ON STEVIA SWEETENER

In an unprecedented move, US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) officials threatened legal action against Texas-based Stevita Co., importers of the sweet-tasting herbal dietary supplement, stevia, for distributing books and literature about their product.

On 19 May, FDA Compliance Officer James R. Lahar faxed a letter to Stevita Co., addressing the destruction of 2,500 books he deemed "offending" at a cost to the company well in excess of US\$10,000.

The letter threatens that investigators will conduct a current inventory and "witness the destruction of the cookbooks, literature and other publications for the purpose of verifying compliance" upon visiting Stevita Co. for a fourth time this year.

One of three books in question is *The Stevia Story: A Tale of Incredible Sweetness and Intrigue*, by Linda Bonvie, Bill Bonvie and Donna Gates (BED Publications Co., Atlanta, GA, USA, 1997; telephone 1800-4STEVIA).

Ironically, chapter four of the book the FDA wants to destroy is titled: "What's wrong with the FDA?" An attempt to strong-arm critics into silence, similar to book burnings in Nazi Germany?

The FDA ordered the action because the books contain general information that include history, usages and scientific studies regarding stevia. Currently, federal law requires that stevia herbal products can *only be marketed as dietary supplements without any mention of having sweetening power*.

Stevia is growing in popularity as a safer alternative to sugar. It can be obtained from many local herbalists and is easily grown in many countries.

(Source: [www.sightings.com](http://www.sightings.com))

## ED McCABE CAMPAIGN

There is a growing campaign to have Ed McCabe, noted author and lecturer on oxygen therapies, released from prison. (See Global News, NEXUS 5/04.)

The latest report is Ed has been moved from one prison to another, kept shackled (hand and foot) in solitary confinement, and strip-searched up to five times per day.

People wishing to assist with the campaign are asked to send a Notice of Complaint, which can be found on the net at <[www.cgenius.cbjd.et/mmcabe](http://www.cgenius.cbjd.et/mmcabe)>.

## THE AMSTERDAM TREATY & BRITAIN'S LOSS OF SOVEREIGNTY

By Daniel Hannan

When historians yet unborn and unbegot try to pinpoint the moment at which British sovereignty finally passed from Westminster, they are likely to choose 11.25 pm on 17 December 1997. That was when the Labour Government put through the Bill that incorporated the Amsterdam Treaty into British law.

The Amsterdam Treaty? Are there not more obvious watersheds? What about Maastricht, or the Single European Act, or even the original European Communities Act of 1972? All these were important. But Amsterdam has a better legal claim than any of them.

### Human Rights

Take, first, Article F(1). This is the clause that allows a state to have its voting rights, and any other rights derived from European Union (EU) membership, taken away by its fellow governments. In theory, this happens when the other governments judge that it is breaching certain vaguely defined human rights. In practice, it can be invoked whenever a single country is blocking a measure that all the others want. Human rights violations can always be trumped up if the political will is there. A country could be found guilty of violating the human right of its nationals to a minimum wage, or denying the human right of its homosexual citizens to serve in the Armed Forces.

The significance of this Article is that, for the first time, it allows the EU to suspend the treaty rights of a signatory while holding it to its obligations. There is no precedent for such a measure either in diplomacy or in law. Once the European treaties lose their contractual character, they cease to be a set of agreements among states and become, instead, a federal constitution.

### European Police Force

Or take the new powers granted to Europol. Europol was set up to help national police forces co-ordinate their fight against international crime, rather like a regional branch of Interpol. Europol was envisaged as a superior federal force dealing with serious crimes—a kind of European FBI. Amsterdam allows Europol personnel to take part in national policing operations. At a stroke, they are transformed from bureaucrats into policemen. This is especially significant given that Europol employees are immune to prosecution in national courts.

### Federal Institutions

Or consider the changes made to the EU's institutional structure. These follow a consciously federalist plan which envisages the Commission as Europe's cabinet, the Court of Justice as its supreme court, the Parliament as its principal legislature and the Council of Ministers as a kind of Upper House or *Bundesrat* representing the member states. Accordingly, the President of the Commission is given the power to choose his own commissioners, subject to approval by the European Parliament, exactly as national governments are drawn up, subject to being able to command a parliamentary majority. Member states consequently lose the exclusive right to nominate their own commissioners.

### A New Legal Order

But the key change, the one to which future historians will point, is tucked innocuously into the Protocol on Subsidiarity. There, in paragraph 2, is a reference to the sanctity of "the principles developed by the Court of Justice regarding the relationship between national and community law".

What this clause refers to is the doctrine developed by the European Court of Justice that its own rulings have precedence, not just over national laws but even over the constitutional or basic laws of the member states.

The European Court has never accepted the stance of the national supreme courts. It believes that its jurisdiction comes directly from the European treaties which, it holds, have created a new legal order superior to national constitutions. According to the European Court's view, it is now Europe's supreme court, since its authority does not derive from the member states but from the treaties. Once the Amsterdam Treaty comes into force, this extraordinary interpretation will have legal validity.

Although Denmark and Ireland are holding referendums on the Treaty, the Labour Government has ruled out a British plebiscite, arguing that it already has a mandate. Perhaps ministers have forgotten that the Amsterdam Summit did not take place until six weeks after the general election. The House of Lords is now the last obstacle to ratifying the Treaty. If peers were to reject it or demand a British referendum first, our unborn historians may yet conclude that the UK saw out the millennium as a sovereign state.

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